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Title: Need to declassify the Henderson Brooks report on 1962 war.

SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB (CUTTACK): Hon. Deputy Speaker Sir, recently on an RTI query which was denied, a petition was filed in the court of law and the court has directed the Government to declassify the version of Nathuram Godse relating to the murder of Mahatma Gandhi, the Father of the Nation and it is going to be made public. ...(*Interruptions*)

HON. DEPUTY SPEAKER: Shri Suresh, you have already raised the issue. ...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB : Ours is a vibrant democracy. There is a need to declassify all such materials that were declared classified at certain given point of time. ...(*Interruptions*) One such classified document is a report of the 1962 war which was submitted by Lieutenant General Henderson Brooks. ...(*Interruptions*) This was prepared for the Government in 1963 and it went into the reasons for India's defeat in the 1962 border war with China. ...(*Interruptions*) It is usually called the Henderson Brooks report. It is impossible to rewind history; what has happened has happened. It is however always possible to learn from past successes and victories as well as defeats. ...(*Interruptions*) In fact, there is certainly more to learn from blunders. Is it not that the report prepared by one of the actors of that war is called the Himalayan Blunder. I would urge upon the Government to reveal those papers on the then Defence Minister V.K. Krishna Menon and make it available to the public. Then only we may realize the blunders committed by an arrogant Minister.

HON. DEPUTY-SPEAKER:

Shri Sharad Tripathi is permitted to associate with the issue raised by Shri Bhartruhari Mahtab.